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IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday, July 4, 2005**
Independence Day
- **Friday, August 19, 2005**
Admission Day
- **MDA-Fill the Boot Events**
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 - * Friday, Sept. 2, 2005
Tamarind Park
 - * Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005
Windward City Shopping Center
 - * Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005
Pearl City Shopping Center
- **Monday, September 5, 2005**
Labor Day
- **Sunday, September 11, 2005**
HFD Family Fun Day
Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park
9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Monday, September 19, 2005**
HFD Retirees Association
Quarterly Meeting
Training Center
9:30 a.m.

Honolulu Fire Department Headquarters and Educational Museum

In 1974, the historic Kakaako Fire Station at 620 South Street closed its doors as an active station when fire fighters moved into the present Kakaako Fire Station at 555 Queen Street.



March 2005

Today, general contractor Okada Trucking is erecting the department's new headquarters between the old and the new stations and hopes to have the building completed by the end of the year. Part of the headquarters construction project includes renovating the historic Kakaako Fire Station and turning it into the Honolulu Fire Museum.

One of the key players in the development of the museum is retired Fire Captain Dennis Lewis. The department provided him with an office in the basement of Nuuanu Fire Station where he catalogues the artifacts and equipment that will go into the museum and designs the exhibits that will be used to display them. With the museum opening scheduled for

January 11, 2006, the 155th anniversary of the Honolulu Fire Department and the same day as the dedication of the headquarters, Captain Lewis is a busy man. And while he's confident that the museum will open on time, there's one area he's going to need lots of help: the daily staffing the museum once it's open.

Museum hours will be Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and on Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer to staff the visitor desk and gift shop in the museum during any of these hours, please contact Captain Lewis in the History Section Office at 527-6741 or email him at dlewis1@honolulu.gov. Retirees, wives and family members of retirees, current fire fighters, and other interested parties are all welcomed to apply. Be a part of history. Help support the Honolulu Fire Department museum.



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**PRIDE, SERVICE,
DEDICATION**

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Honolulu Fire Department is to respond to fires, emergency medical incidents, hazardous materials incidents, and rescues on land and sea to save lives, property, and the environment. We accomplish this mission by:

- Promoting safety and maintaining a well equipped, highly trained, and motivated force of professional fire fighters and rescue personnel.
- Promoting fire prevention and other public safety education programs.

Vision Statement

The Honolulu Fire Department will continuously strive to meet the changing needs of our community by providing a modern and technologically advanced department. We will do this by maintaining a high level of readiness and by focusing on the professional development and training of all our personnel.

FROM THE FIRE CHIEF ...

The 88th Fire Fighter Recruit class, consisting of 34 recruits, graduated in May 2005 at the Pacific Beach Hotel, with over 600 family members, friends, and guests in attendance. Probably just as proud of them were the Recruit Training Officers (RTO) as they watched the culmination of seven months of long, and hard work come to an end.

It should be noted that 48 candidates were hired, but by the start of class we were already down to 38 recruits for various reasons. The RTOs did an excellent job of training the recruits to meet the Department's rigorous curriculum; in addition to preparing them to complete and pass both the national EMT-B Program and the IF-SAC certification to the Fire Fighter I level. Because of the expanded curriculum, the recruit program has been extended from four to seven months. The next recruit class,



scheduled to start in September, will be certified to the Fire Fighter II level.

The RTOs, along with the Training and Research Bureau (TRB) staff, put in a great deal of time and effort in redeveloping the curriculum and schedule for the new recruit program. New lesson plans were created, in addition to having to coordinate the assistance of outside agencies and third-party evaluators.

As always, the TRB did an excellent job in coordinating the graduation ceremony. The venue and food are great, but the recruit video is what steals the show! The Master of Ceremony also plays an important role in the success of an event, and we have one of the best. Battalion Chief Hiram Kelupio keeps the program moving and really connects with the audience. To all of those who are involved with the fire fighter recruit program, thank you for serving with Pride, Service, and Dedication.

On a different note, the Department is already starting to experience an early brushfire season; and, unfortunately, expect it to get busier as we move into the summer months. Our members are doing an excellent job out there! Keep it up, and, most important, be careful and remember "Safety First."



Chief Leonardi, appointed by the White House to represent the fire service as an Advisory Board Member of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, attends a briefing with Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, at the Pentagon.

2005 HFD SCHOLARSHIP



The 2005 HFD Scholarship recipients (FF1 Jonathan Miwa, FF1 Reid Kawachika, FF3 Bryan Soares, Capt. James DeMello) with Assistant Chief Alvin K. Tomita accepting their awards. (Missing: FF1s Ivan Kaneshiro and Jason Park)



Recipe

SAIMIN SALAD

FF1 Wade Furukawa, E40/3

Ingredients:

1 pkg. dry saimin
4 cups cabbage finely shredded
1.5 quarts of boiling water
2 stocks green onion
2 T. sesame seeds

Dressing:

1 pack saimin soup base (from dry saimin)
3 T. vinegar
2 T. sugar
2 T. salad oil
½ tsp. ground black pepper
¼ tsp. salt

Coarsely break up dry saimin. Pour boiling water over saimin in a colander (do not soak). Place wet saimin in bottom of bowl. Place cabbage, green onion, and sesame seeds on saimin.

Combine dressing ingredients in a shaker. Shake until sugar is fully dissolved. Pour dressing over salad mixture.

Toss every 10 minutes until saimin is soft.

Makes 5 to 6 portions. (2 to 3 fire fighter portions!)

HFD and FDNY

by Deputy Chief John Clark



In May, the Kamehameha Schools Children's Choir traveled to New York City. Accompanied by HFD parents Curtis Aiwohi, Lopaka Hoopii, Russell Kaneakua, Brian Zablan, and Michael Zablan, the children visited and performed for the Fire Department- City of New York (FDNY).

In addition to the choir singing and dancing the Fireman's Hula at the site of the World Trade Center, our HFD personnel presented the Fire Chief with two gifts from the HFD, an ukulele made by FF1 Joseph Souza and a surfboard made by FF1 Jay Rush.

FDNY Captain Sean Newman, the liaison between the FDNY and the choir, sent the following email message to HFD Deputy Fire Chief John Clark: "The kids stole our hearts. Their performance went beyond anyone's expectations. Chief Pete Hayden of the Department was blown away. Thank you for giving the FDNY the opportunity to see this very special group of people."

BACK IN NOVEMBER 1974 - by Battalion Chief Douglas Hooper

HFD'S 41st Recruit Class

In November of 1974, the Staff Meeting Report was just three pages long, and page three listed the names of the new recruits that had just been hired the day before (November 18, 1974). Today, the Staff Meeting Report is 25-30 pages long. This reflects the changes that HFD has undergone over the last 30 years.

Those recruits of 1974 have also experienced change. We have grown from green rookies to experienced veterans; many today hold leadership roles in our Department. However, there is one thing that has kept us bonded through the years -- our annual anniversary celebration. Every November, we meet at different venues to commemorate our anniversary and to keep our bond intact. This year, after a round of golf, we celebrated our thirtieth year at Liko McGurn's house. Our numbers have dwindled from 44 recruits down to 8 active members. At the end of this year, our numbers may become even smaller as more of us contemplate retirement.

We hope to continue this annual tradition and maintain that special bond that is unique to all fire fighters.

Class of 1974 (Active members in bold):

Akaka, Godfrey	Faria, Richard	Kux, Steven
Almeida, Alexander	Fletcher III, Henry	Ludwig, Robert
Azevedo Jr., Charles	Fukuda, Patrick	Matthew, Craig
Benedetti, Michael	Hardy, Skippy	McGravey, John
Brown, Alan	Harve, Randolph	McGurn, Albert
Chang, Bertram	Hiromasa, Roy	McKee, Ronald
Char Jr., Bernie	Hooper, Douglas	Nakashima, Rodney
Chapman, Richard	Joseph, Christopher	Nihipali, Larry
Cho, Robert	Kaneshiro, Kevin	Nojiri, Wayne
Chong, Alan	Keitzer, Michael	Pelletier, Maurice
Harrison, Chong	Kimak, Charles	Petersen, J. Craig
Choo, Clayton	Knudsen, Herbert	Reynolds, Robert
Connors, Thomas *	Kobatake, Clyde	Rico, Ronald
Doane, Kenneth	Kozuma, Wayne	Sun Jr., Richard
Evens, John	Kubo, Dudley	<i>* left and returned with another class</i>

FREE FIRE FIGHTER WEBTOOLS Captain Gary Lum

One website I've discovered to be very informative and loaded with free content is <http://www.firetactics.com>. I actually prefer this website over [Firehouse.com](http://www.firehouse.com) since it appears to be less cluttered with advertising and access doesn't require registration. This website is hosted in the U.K. and reflects an international perspective on the latest fire fighting issues. Dig around on the site and you'll find that Honolulu has a global ranking of #3 in the number of high-rise structures per capita! Detailed analyses of major fire fighting incidents worldwide and research that impacts fire fighter safety can also be downloaded from the site. One caveat: some of the research is documented using metric measurements.

A useful site to visit to convert from metric measurements to American standard units is the [Google.com](http://www.google.com) search engine. For example, to convert 10 kilopascals (metric pressure units) to psi, type "10 kilopascals to psi" into the Google search field. Press *Enter* on the keyboard and the answer "10 kiloPascals = 1.45037738 pounds per square inch" should appear in bold type somewhere near the top of the page. Akron Brass also has metric conversion tables at <http://www.akronbrass.com/pages/products/metric.htm>. However, the Google method is much quicker and also offers many other conversions such as measurements used in cooking.

HFD EXPLORERS PROGRAM Captain Richard Nunes

CANDICE TAKAMATSU

My name is Candice Takamatsu and I am a former explorer of Post 428, under the direction of Captain Richard Nunes (Station 28—Nanakuli). My future goal in life is to one day become both a firefighter and a registered nurse (RN). Besides pursuing my goals, I also enjoy other hobbies on my spare time such as wrestling (including coaching kids), judo, weightlifting, hula, and surfing. Recently, I was able to fulfill a part of one of my goals, which is to become an RN, by graduating and receiving my nursing degree.

I started as an HFD Explorer during my junior year in high school and continued my membership with the program for two more years. The knowledge and experience that I received while in this program was tremendous. Such as first aid/CPR, auto extrication, use of rescue equipment (JAWS), hose evolution, ladder evolution, ropes/knots, rappelling, and daily duties; e.g., housekeeping. However, the things that I enjoyed the most were auto extrication, use of rescue equipment, rappelling, being exposed to the family-type environment within the firehouse, and learning the values and responsibilities that every firefighter should possess.

Becoming an explorer and being ex-

posed to the duties/responsibilities of a firefighter has provided me with knowledge that I was able to relate to while I was a nursing student. Some of the similar aspects that I was able to relate between firefighting (as an explorer and as a student of Honolulu Community College's fire science program) and nursing were first aid/CPR, knowing what to do during fire emergencies, and the basic fundamentals of fire science; e.g., behavior, suppression, etc.

My experience as an explorer has continued to motivate and encourage me to follow my dream of be-

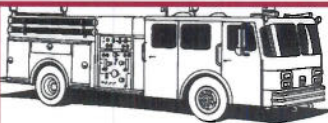


Candice rappelling at Station 28

coming a firefighter and my passion of helping others in need. Hence, through this experience, I feel that I was able to benefit from this program and encourage those teenagers who plan to make their career in firefighting to take the opportunity to experience this program also. Last but not least, I would like send out my appreciation and thanks to Capt. Nunes, those firefighters who were and are a part of his platoon, and anyone else who contributed to the program while I was an explorer. Thanks, guys, for making my experience a memorable

JONAH WILSON

My name is Jonah Wilson and I dreamt of becoming a firefighter since the beginning of high school. At the age of 16, I joined the Fire Explorer's Program at the Nanakuli Fire Station under Captain Nunes. Throughout the two years shadowing Captain Nunes, I gained hands-on experience with correctly laddering a building, rapid car extrication, rappelling, and water safety. This program is excellent for any individual who is seeking a career in the fire service. My dream came true this year as I was selected to the Federal Fire Department at the Wheeler Army Base. Thank you to those who have guided and supported me in pursuit of accomplishing my goal to become a firefighter.



TOP RUNS
January 2005
To
June 2005

2005 Run Statistics

Fire	2,395
Medical	9,692
Hazmat	929
Rescue	318
Service Call	637
False Call	585
EMS returned	1,905
Others	15
TOTAL	16,476

ENGINES

E-1	666
E-42	552
E-10	500
E-24	485
E-16	475
E-28	454
E-32	444
E-3	414

LADDERS

L-2	763
Q-12	663
L-7	639
Q-26	590
L-17	478
BN. CHIEFS	
Bn. 1	134
Bn. 4	133

Alexander Joy Cartwright

by Captain Chris Toda

The Honolulu Fire Department was established on January 11, 1851, by King Kamehameha III. It was the first fire department in Hawaii and the only fire department in the United States established by a ruling monarch. King Kamehameha III and King Kalakaua are listed among the former members of our Department.

On Sunday, April 17, 2005, a group of baseball buffs invited the Honolulu Fire Department to participate in a ceremony celebrating the 185th birthday of Alexander Joy Cartwright. Cartwright is known as the Father of Modern Baseball. He was also the 2nd (1851-1859) and 4th (1862-1863) Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department.

Fire Chief William Parke, the first Fire Chief, served only one month, so Cartwright is considered by some historians to be our first Chief. He was the force behind the modernization of the Department in the late 1800s.

When the HFD was established, fire fighting equipment consisted primarily of buckets and other portable water supplies. Under Cartwright, the Department grew rapidly. Several hand drawn engines were added along with a hook and ladder company.

Two plaques that recognized Cartwright's contributions to baseball and Hawaii were placed at Cartwright Field and City Hall after his death. Over the years, both of the plaques disappeared.

On April 17, 2005, a new plaque honoring Cartwright was unveiled at his gravesite at Oahu Cemetery, where it is permanently mounted. Fire 1, Fire 2, BN1/1 and the crews of E1/1 and E25/1 represented the Department at the ceremony. Fire 1 presented the baseball buffs with a copy of our 150th Anniversary Yearbook in which Cartwright is prominently mentioned. Pictures of the ceremony and a copy of the yearbook will be sent to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. The Department was honored to be a part of this event.



ALOHA, FIRE COMMISSIONER DR. LAWRENCE K. W. TSEU

The Fire Commission says farewell to Fire Commissioner Dr. Lawrence K.W. Tseu whose term recently expired. Dr Tseu is one of the original members of the Fire Commission, which was formed in 1997. His presence and leadership will be greatly missed and we wish him well.

RETIREEES' REALM *Gideon Awa*

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREEES ASSOCIATION

All retired members are welcome to join fellow retirees as members of the Honolulu Fire Department Retirees Association.

Legislative Update: The twenty-third legislative session has closed and all bills that have passed this session have been sent to the Governor's Office. The Governor now has 45 days in which to sign, veto, or abstain from signing the bills whereby the bills will automatically become law. None of the current bills affect the retirees.

Retirees' Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2005. All members and new retirees and their spouses are welcome to attend the meetings, which are held at the HFD Training Center. Annual dues are \$5.

HFD Retirees Association: The association welcomes any correspondence from HFD retirees. You may update your current residence, pass on any information you wish to share with your fellow retirees, or provide input for our column in the HFD Newsletter, Hale Ahi News. Contact retired Fire Chief Donald Chang at (808) 487-8862.

Retirees' Shirts Info: Contact Retired Fire Chief Donald Chang (808) 487-8862.

Retiree Appreciation Day: The retirees express their mahalo to Fire Chief Attilio Leonardi, HFD personnel, and the Friends of the Firehouse for providing a day of enjoyment with fellow retirees and their families with fire fighting demonstrations and lunch.

WELCOME HOME, FF JONATHAN WONG! *Da Gang at Station 15*

After 16 months of active military duty assigned to Military Intelligence at Camp Liberty/Iraq, Jon is home. He recently stopped by and visited the crew at Station 15. We were all so glad to see him.

When asked how was it, he replied, "It was definitely challenging." I remember a phone conversation many months ago when he told me they were (physically) treating him like a 20-year old, and I told him, "Hell, they must have heard about they way you and Tommy Heffernan used to treat people on the volleyball court!"

"The Honolulu Fire Department (I'm sure he meant Station 15) is the best job in the world. Don't take it for granted," is the message he wished to share with everyone. He said he made a lot of friends during his deployment and is "proud to have worked with such great people." He also told us that the people of Iraq are brave, have high hopes, and have a really good chance.

He then gave us the bad news...he's retiring. He said, "It's time to go. I anticipate working, but can't really discuss the details just yet." Hmmm...let's guess...military Intel... private sector...big dineros.... possibly?

Anyway, we will all miss him and wish the best for him and his family. Jon, we are all proud of you!

“THIS IS CONTROL...” *by Battalion Chief Edward Simeona*

What do you really know about the 800 MHz radio system? That the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) is using the system and is experiencing a multitude of problems, and the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) will be converting to this same system and likely experience the same problems? Here are the facts about the 800 MHz radio system.

The 800 MHz radio system is administered by the City and County of Honolulu (City). Approximately 11 years ago, the HPD was the only City agency ready and willing to change from their conventional system to the 800 MHz radio system. Since then, the HPD and City have been collaborating to debug the system. Because the system appears to be worry-free and the HFD has Federal grant monies, we are converting to the new system.

Some misconceptions that must be dispelled:

- The HPD is still experiencing major problems with the system.

False. The problems we have been hearing of have been minimal and infrequent.

- It will take the HFD a long time to convert to the new system.

False. The 800 MHz Voice Committee is diligently working on policies and procedures, which should minimize problems. All field personnel have undergone portable radio familiarization, and with the coordination of HFD field trainers, we are confident that our personnel are ready for the conversion.

- It will minimize the number of agencies participating and will cause more problems than it will solve.

False. The HFD is among the last of the major public safety agencies to use the system. The HPD, Water Safety, Emergency Medical Services, Oahu Civil Defense Agency, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, Liquor Commission, and Oahu Transit Service are already using the system.

The system allows direct radio-to-radio interoperability with minimal patch requirements for the user. The days of radio to dispatch, to other dispatch, to other radio, back to dispatch, and finally connection to each other are gone. With this system, a quick twist of the knob will bring the capability of person-to-person transmission, otherwise known as “interoperability.”

The new system is a trunking system, and its basic theory was well defined by Fire Captain Carter Davis (HM1/1):

“Our present system is like being stuck in a box office line waiting to get your ticket. You pick a line (frequency) and you remain in that line until everyone in front of you is served, regardless of the other lines. However, the trunking system is like being in a bank teller line where everyone waits in one line and you move to the first available teller (open frequency).

The new system will add additional tactical talk groups (channels) that move us from one dispatch channel and four tactical channels to one dispatch and 14 tactical channels. This increases our capabilities enormously.

The other positive for the HFD will be the addition of more repeater sites. From our present six sites, we will have 13 sites and gain greater island-wide coverage, which current testing has confirmed. Our Administrative and Operational Chiefs will be able to track incidents island-wide with the simple twist of a knob.

After we go live, each on-duty personnel will eventually have a radio. Each apparatus will be as signed five radios, and at a large-scale incident, connectivity may be a very important issue for fire fighter safety.”

Much thought and effort has put been put into this project to ensure that the conversion becomes a reality with minimal disruption, frustration, and concerns. Battalion Chief Peter Gaskell has been the Project Manager since its inception, which was approximately ten years ago. With his perseverance and supervision and a committee of hardworking HFD personnel, we stand to gain significantly by converting to the 800 MHz system. Stand by as we enter a future where technology not only increases our capabilities but also offers greater safety when at a major incident.



PRIDE 88TH

by Captain Earle Kealoha, Jr.

On October 25, 2004, at 0745 hours, 40 new Fire Fighter Recruits (FFR) lined up in formation on the grinder of the Charles H. Thurston Training Center. For many, just to be in this formation was a dream come true. However, it wasn't long before reality set in! After a brief introduction by Fire Captain and Senior Recruit Officer (RTO) Stacy Higa and a uniform and haircut inspection, a few FFRs who were tardy to an orientation on the previous Saturday were instructed to run three "Towers" (a complete run up and down the seven-story training tower) in their duty uniforms to stress the importance of being punctual to meetings, classes, and drills. The FFRs later banded together and began their journey as members of the 88th FFR Class.

During the next seven months, the class received the traditional training and was also trained and certified as Emergency Medical Technician-Basics and Fire Fighter Is.

On May 11, 2005, a graduation ceremony was held at the Pacific Beach Hotel to acknowledge the successful completion of this grueling FFR Training Program, which was the longest in the HFD's history. Battalion Chief (BC) Hiram Keliipio presided over the ceremony, which included FFR renditions of the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Hawaii Pono'i," an invocation by FFR Charles Reimer, keynote remarks by Mayor Mufi Hannemann, FFR perspectives by FFR Marc Hino, a video of the class highlights, and presentation of HFD badges to the FFRs.

The highlight was the traditional "Pinning of the Badge" ceremony, which is when FFRs select someone to pin their newly issued badge on their uniform shirt for the first time.

Deputy Fire Chief John Clark then administered the Oath of Office to the FFRs, and Fire Chief Attilio K. Leonardi followed with a welcome speech to the FFRs and their families. He gave a brief review of the HFD's recent accomplishments and reiterated what each class member was now expected to do as HFD members.

FFR awards were then given to Justin Brownfield (Superior Performance in Drills), Joseph Wadahara (Excellence in Scholastic Achievement), Leslie Harris (Most Inspirational FFR), and Kenneth Ozaki (Outstanding FFR).

State Crash and FFR William Kea presented the 88th FFR Class plaque to Acting Training and Research Bureau BC Christopher Ah Mook Sang. The evening closed with the Retiring of the Class Guidon Flags by FFRs Les Harris and James Richmond and a musical performance of the Fireman's Prayer, which was arranged, directed, and accompanied by Mr. Les Ceballos of Kamehameha Schools.

At the evening's conclusion, Captain Higa brought the FFRs to attention for one final time, and after a brief but emotional pause, 34 members of 88th FFR Class were officially dismissed and closed the book on the first chapter of their careers.

Mahalo to the RTOs for their hard work and dedication: Fire Captains John Bowers (E32/2), Geoffrey Chang (L18/3), Frank Johnson (E31/2), Guy Katayama (E1/3), Earle Kealoha Jr. (E6/3), Joseph Kemmler Jr. (E8/1), Carl Matsuura (Q38/2), Wesley Maxwell (E8/2), Robert Methered (E17/1), and Dave Takehara (Q38/3).



OPERATION 'OHANA HALE KINAI AHI

Battalion Chief Scott Lawton

I recently traveled to the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland for a two-week class. The impact on me was negligible, but the impact on my family was an "inconvenience" (my own phrasing). My wife now had to balance the needs of a 7-year old, a 6-month old, the demands of a full-time job, and still maintain her sanity. Calls home during that period left me missing the daily interactions with my family. Now, put yourself in the perspective of a Honolulu fire fighter who's also a member of the National Guard or Reserve, and you've just been informed that your unit will be activated and deployed to the Middle East for one year. Imagine the impact that has on your family, yourself, and your career. Imagine the limited calls home and the feelings you would have as you talk with them. You're now challenged not only with the uncertainties of what your new deployment will bring, but more importantly the knowledge that you will be separated from your family for at least a year. Your thoughts of how your family will cope without you are a constant worry. Your family, on the other hand, is forced to adapt to life without you at their side, as well as deal with the uncertainties of your safety, morale, and welfare.

The only way we can begin to be effective as a fire fighter or soldier is to know that our families are safe and taken care of. Given that peace of mind, we can now focus on the many tasks required to keep US safe at home and abroad. The purpose of Operation 'Ohana Hale Kinai Ahi is to give that "peace of mind" to both the deployed HFD soldier and his family. We accomplish that mission by keeping in contact with the HFD soldier as well as his family, letting them know that they're not forgotten as a member of the HFD ohana.

In addition to providing that emotional support, we also try to help out in other areas as well. Sometimes families need assistance with household maintenance issues and are unsure of how to resolve them. There have been numerous HFD members who stepped up to volunteer their assistance to families in need. In talking to deployed fire fighters via email, they like to be updated on HFD activities. They also have questions about promotional exams, how to get information, and requests for specialty items. One example is FF1 (Major) Mark Inouye requested a HFD flag to display in camp. He's stationed with a Honolulu Police Department (HPD) Officer who displays an HPD flag, and Mark wanted to have HFD represented. We're ordering a guidon flag, similar to what's used for the recruit class.

Our HFD ohana has a long history of taking care of our own, and this operation is no different. We continue that tradition by honoring and helping those who are protecting US in the war against terrorism. How can you help? By purchasing an Operation 'Ohana Hale Kinai Ahi t-shirt! The proceeds from the shirt sales will be used to support customized care packages to our firefighter soldiers, provide a picnic for their families, create a DVD message, and other programs. You can also help by volunteering your time and energy to support the families and fire fighters by calling Scott Lawton. In our chosen profession, we're in the business of helping others. We also need to dedicate time to help our own in their time of need and let them know we support them. It's in our nature to try and make a difference in someone's life. Let's keep up the good work!

Debbi Eleneki HFD's First Female Captain

On April 4, 2005, Mayor Mufi Hannemann invited the entire Akiona family to his cabinet meeting at Kapolei Hale. He presented Debbi with a Certificate of Achievement and congratulated her on becoming the first female Captain in the Honolulu Fire Department. Pictured with Debbi and Mayor Hannemann are: (from left to right-brothers Kaiu, Aaron, father Peter, brothers Byron and Kevin.





RETIREMENTS



Nathan L. Kapule - Fire Captain
November 16, 1981 - May 31, 2005
23 years, 6 months

David P. Chabriel - Fire Fighter III
February 1, 1983 - April 30, 2005
22 years, 3 months

MAHALO AND ALOHA



LAST ALARM



FATHER MARK CONSALVI

Chaplain for the HFD
April 28, 2005

FIRE CAPTAIN WALLACE K. MIYATA

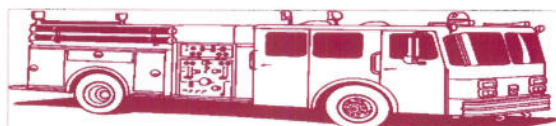
May 17, 2005
Appointed January 22, 1942
31 years
Last Assignment - Engine 32/1

FIRE FIGHTER III EUGENE L. KAMANU

May 23, 2005
Appointed March 16, 1964
28 years
Last Assignment - Engine 27/3

FIRE CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. REES

June 1, 2005
Appointed January 23, 1942
34 years
Last Assignment - Engine 7/1



CIVILIAN CORNER

Russell Kaneakua

Radio Technician III

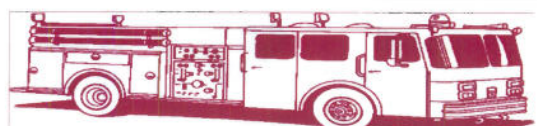
Waipahu Maintenance Facility

This issue of the Civilian Corner features Russell Kaneakua from the Honolulu Fire Department's Waipahu Maintenance Facility [WMF] Radio Shop. A graduate of Kamehameha Schools [Class of '77] and Electronics Institute [Honolulu Class of '86] Russell's main responsibilities as a Radio Technician III are to assist in the installation and maintenance of all radio systems for the HFD and the City and County of Honolulu. Other responsibilities include project management, coordinating installations and repairs, ordering parts, overseeing installations by outside vendors, and maintenance of base station radios and radio repeater sites around Oahu.



Russell enjoys spending time with family and riding his Harley Davidson [SofTail] motorcycle with his Dad. "I have a passion for riding," says Russell. Playing the guitar and ukulele are some of his other favorite hobbies.

The installation of the 800 MHz radio systems is the biggest project currently being handled by the WMF Radio Shop. "Changing into the 800 MHz system is very challenging. However, I like working with Department personnel. They're easy to work with and appreciative of the job we do," says Russell. Mahalo, Russell, for your pride, service, and dedication.



ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL - JUNE

30 Years

Francis K. Nishimura
Alvin K. Tomita

20 Years

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Raul G. Fallau
Albert T. Fernandez
Clement Y. Hew Jr.
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Rankin K. Kaanoi
Alan T. Kawahara
John K. Kino
Keith K. Kondo
Gary M. Lum
Guy K. Masutani
William H. Melemai III
David L. Mori
Paul J. Shimizu
Gordon W. Tamarra
Michael J. Tosaki
Mark K. Yeager

**5 Years**

Keoni E. Abaya
William K. Ahuna
Michael A. Akau
Thomas S. Asada
Kaino N. Asato
Michael M. Ball
Mark K. Bates
Charles W. Berger
Eric J. Boyles
Dustin M. Cabatu
Oscar M. Cano
Jeris K. Ching
Donald P. Denis
Adam H. Enos III
Randell W. Enriques
John S. Farr
Kevin S. Fukuki
Jeffrey P. Gaskell
Steven M. Granato

**5 Years (continued)**

Jason H. Habu
Ryan R. Hagiwara
Daren K. Higa
William S. Higuchi
Bryce M. Hiraki
Jay N. Hokama
Mark T. Inouye
Thomas T. Inouye
Craig T. Ishikawa
Aaron Jones
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Wyatt R. Jones
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Anthony L. Sabatini
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Kawika R. Smith
Robert Soares
Brandon Stevens K.
Ross S. Takata
Chance V. Tom
Ryan K. Washburn
Stanley J. Yanke
Douglas C. Yee
Ricardo M. Yost
Kenneth S. Young
Ryan-Alton K. Young

**PROMOTIONS**

Congratulations to the following personnel who were promoted during the 4th quarter:

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John K. Bredin
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Derek K. Fogelsong
Elton T. Furutani
Thomas M. Hearty
Stuart D. Hee
Damien J. L. Kaha'ulelio
Jeremy J. Kam
Edward P. Kealoha III
Guy K. Masutani
Rex A. Nohara
Norbert K. Pokini
Craig S. Roberts
Darryl W. Takizawa
Chris T. Toda
James R. Todd
Gary K. Viela
Gordon A. K. Villa

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Jack L. Crouse
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Raymond L. Egan Jr.
Thomas M. Ettinger
James F. Fedzer
Ryan J. Fernandez
Dean C. Hernandez Sr.
Darrell D. Hee
James M. Hull
Jay B. Ishihara
Jason N. Katada
Alexander A. Keaunui
Joseph T. Kostiha
Alvin K. Ku
Kevin J. Lyons
Lee K. Marquez
Leroy V. M. Malterre
Albert S. McCollum
Jason T. Mejia
Brendan M. O'Connor
Michael F. K. O'Sullivan
Simeon K. Pihana
Christopher L. Powell
Scot K. Seguirant
Lyndon K. Shima
Craig J. Uchimura
Michael M. Waggoner